

Winning the Silver Problem.

REMARKS OF THE HON. WILLIAM M. EVARTS AT THE PANAMA CONFERENCE.

EVARTS.

In an address before the International Monetary Conference, now in session in Paris, the Hon. William M. Evarts said: "There are but two logical methods in which the depreciation of gold and silver, the depreciation of their general and combined functions, this struggle between them, can be put an end to. One is to admit as the intrinsic money of the world only one metallic basis, and to drive out, extirpate, as a barbarism, as an anachronism, as a robber and a fraud, the other metal that, grown old in the service and weary in its strength, is no more a help but a hindrance and a marplot. That is a task that might be proposed to the voluntary action of nations, and if it were undertaken, it would be the only logical alternative to the only other logical alternative—that is, to make use of money out of the two metals, to have two standards or kinds of money, but one money, adapted in its multiples and divisions to the united functions of the two precious metals. I have said that these two are the only logical methods. There is another method, and that is, in despair of making one money out of the two metals, to make two moneys out of them. This project is not to discard either from the service of mankind; but to separate them and so mark them as that they shall not occupy the same regions, but divide the world between them. For the working of this scheme it is proposed that in some fashion a partition shall be made among nations or sets of nations and a struggle for the metals be set on foot to reach an equilibrium or alternating triumph or under such fluctuations or vicissitudes or enjoy such a degree of permanence as fortune, out of the chaos, may offer to mankind. This scheme might well be defined as a monstrous discord and organized disorder. But this is nothing but a conclusion that although there is an infernal evil it is not within the compass of human wisdom or human strength or human courage to attempt to remedy. This conclusion would leave things to take care of themselves. This notion found expression in the sentiments declared by some of the powers at the conference of 1878. The hopeful expectation that was then indulged, that things would take care of themselves, has not been realized. Experience since has shown an aggravation of the mischief, a continued and widening extension of its pressure, and produced another appeal to the wisdom and courage of the nations to redress it, under which this conference has been convened."

Eye for Pasture.

(Henry Ives, in New York Tribune.) It has been a favorite practice with me to sow rye on every available space unoccupied by a regular farm crop, or as soon as such a crop is taken from the ground, except where wheat or grass was to follow instead. This I do either to pre-empt the ground to prevent its growing up to weeds or to raise a green crop to be plowed under, or for pasturing, or for both the latter purposes. I think rye is preferable to any other grain for these uses, being the most hardy and reliable of all. I have sown it any time to and through December, and had it almost equally well; have sown it in corn at the last cultivating; pastured it all the fall after the corn was taken off, and the next May plowed under a heavy green crop to plant potatoes. Have sown it in the middle of August, then pastured all the late fall and early spring, then saved it for a good harvest crop. Have sown it the first of September, and after the ground was frozen in winter, it would furnish the stock quite an amount of green food. At other times I have sown rye just before the winter sets in, either November or December, when it would come up very early in the spring and give a fair crop. No weather or treatment or insect seems to affect it much. Have plowed a very heavy growth of it under in November or December, when every inch of earth in the furrow-slice would be permeated with the white roots of this hardy growing crop, and when the rye had been plowed under, the soil would be so firm and hard that the plow would find it difficult to turn. Have plowed it under in May, when it was three and a half feet high, doing a chain, and the hood crop on that ground would resist the growth as the land seemed to hold the moisture better than any other. It is sometimes thought to be better, when plowed for a crop, to have rye pastured rather close until, say the 10th of May, or thereabouts, after which it will not grow quite so tall, but even and thick on the ground. On this same principle I have heard of some mowing the early growth off before its heading, and after that obtain a fair harvest crop, but I would not recommend this on strong, rich land. Some would not sow rye on their farms for they say they never would get rid of it, but it would come up in crops for years afterward; but I pay no attention whatever to such complaints, for in making them such men are not masters of their profession, and if they are not, they would let weeds, or timothy, or some other soil growth take more or less of the space and of the plant-food which would have gone to make a good clean crop for the husbandman. In growing rye for a crop, the ground grain makes excellent hay, and the straw is often worth as much as hay.

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